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SUBJECT: UNESCO: YEMEN ENDORSES U.S. CANDIDACY/ ASKS U.S.
TO SUPPORT ITS CANDIDATE

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[1](#)B. SANAA 1249

[1](#)1. Acting Chief of the MFA's Office of International Organizations, Abdul Wahad Fara'a, informed PolEcon Chief on 6/24 that the ROYG will support the U.S. candidate for UNESCO'S Executive Council, in the event that the election goes to the full membership.

[1](#)2. At the same time, Fara'a asked that the U.S. consider voting for the ROYG candidate if a full membership election procedure is necessary for its group. The candidate, Dr. Hussein Abdullah al-Omari, is a former Minister of Foreign Affairs, Education and Agriculture, Ambassador to the U.K., Member of Parliament, and currently a member of the ROYG Consultative Council. He is a noted author of books on Yemeni and Arab history.

[1](#)3. Comment: With UNESCO's designation of the capital city of Sana'a as the 2004 Cultural Capital of the Arab World, the ROYG would obviously appreciate having a representative on the Executive Council during that period. End comment.

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